Saurashtra region against its demand through Public Distribution System ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) While the Central Government allocates palmolein to the States/UTs, further sub-allocation of the same whether district-wise|region-wise is the responsibility of the respective State Government and UT Administration. As such, allocation of palmolein to Saurashtra region entirely rests with the Government of Gujarat. Central Government has already allocated palmolein to Gujarat State for October, 93 and December, 93.

Bhandar

MINIMUM WAGES FOR SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS OF SUPER BAZAR AND KENDRIYA BHANDAR

2287. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have announced minimum wages for the skilled and unskilled workers of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Management of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar have opposed the rates of minimum wages ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar have reported that the wage structure as notified from time to time by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is being followed by them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Does not arise.

DUTY BENEFIT TO THE CONSUMERS

2288. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several manufacturers of consumers goods have failed to pass on the benefits of duty exemption to consumers ;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study to see that which of the manufacturers have failed to do so and the details thereof ;

(c) the steps so far being taken to ensure that the benefits are passed on to the consumers ; and

(d) the names of companies against whom action has been taken so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) In a meeting taken by the Miinster, Civil Supplies, the Industries Representatives claimed that they have passed on excise benefit to the Consumers while Representative of consumers Organisations disputed that claim. As this Ministry does not have any mechanism to check the claim of the Industry, the BICP was requested to make a study on 10 commonly used consumer articles to see whether the duty concessions announced by the Government have been passed on to the consumers or not. The BICP has

submitted their report to this Ministry. In the report it has indicated that out of 10 items referred, five of the Industries have more or less passed on the duty concession to the consumers in full. The concession, however, has not been passed on in respect of cosmetics, Manmade Fibres and Drugs. In case of Tea industry the report points out that a part of the concessions has been adjusted by some Units agains the MODVAT LOSS. In respect of PVC Resin, the BICP could not come to any conclusion as the required information have not been provided by the Industry to the study team. As these industries are dealt with by other ministries of the Government, the extracts of the BICP report has been passed on to their respective Ministries for taking necessary action.

(d) The action on the basis of BICP report has to be taken by the administrative Ministries. The Ministry of Civil Supplies have not received any information from them so far.

2289. [Transferred to 24th December, 1993]

AVAILABILITY AND CONSUMPTION OF EDIBLE OIL IN THE COUNTRY

2290. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU :

SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the estimaed stock available in the market of edible oils compared to the estimated consumption within the country for the current year ;

(b) whether exports of edible oils has been permitted despite the fact that there has been shortage ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for permitting export of edible oils ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) It is too early to arrive at any realistic estimates of the availability and consumption of oils for the current year.

(b) and (c) Though there is some gap between demand and availability of edible oils from domestic sources, Government has permitted export of selected edible oils so as to develop export market which takes time.

आवश्यक वस्तुओं के मूल्य में वृद्धि

2291. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह** : क्या **नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1990 के मूल्यों की तुलना में चने की दाल, गुड़, चीनी, चावल और गेहूं के आटे के मूल्यों में कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है, और

(ख) मूल्यों में वृद्धि के क्या कारण हैं और उक्त आवश्यक खाद्य वस्तुओं के मूल्यों को नियन्त्रित करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं।

नागरिक पूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) उल्लिखित वस्तुओं के मूल्यों में हुई प्रतिशत वृद्धि को बताने वाला एक विवरण नीचे दिया गया है :—

वस्तु	प्रतिशत उतार—चढ़ाव	
	1993	1990
	27.11.93	24.11.90
चना दाल	+ 60.9	
गुड़	+ 68.5	
चीनी	+ 45.0	
चावल	+ 59.3	
गेहूं का आटा	+ 48.5	